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1. FOLLOWING KEYED TO REFTEL.

A. THE PROHIBITED IMMIGRANT ORDER SERVED TO MR. COBB BY TANZANIAN IMMIGRATION WAS UPHELD BY THE COURT OF PRIMARY JURISDICTION. COBB IS NOW BELIEVED PREPARING HIS APPEAL OF THAT DECISION IN ORDER TO ULTIMATELY SEEK RELIEF FROM THE ORIGINAL ORDER.

B. TANZANIA DOES NOT FORMALLY DEPORT ALIENS SINCE THAT REQUIRES THEM TO PAY PASSAGE AND ASSUME CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL CUSTOM. TYPICALLY THE UNDESIRABLE IS SIMPLY EXPELLED AT HIS OWN COST AND TO A DESTINATION OF HIS CHOOSING OUTSIDE EAST AFRICA. IT APPEARS THAT THERE IS A HIGH PROBABILITY HE WILL BE COMPELLED TO LEAVE AFTER EXHAUSTING ALL LEGAL AND PARALEGAL RECOURSE AVAILABLE TO HIM.

C. WHETHER IT LIKELY HE IS TO BE DEPORTED OR NOT, TANGOV WOULD APPROACH QUESTION OF EXTRADITION GINGERLY. TANZANIAN POLICY STRONGLY FAVORS GRANTING ASYLUM TO PETITIONERS OF "PROGRESSIVE" POLITICAL LEANINGS AND WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER IMPACT OF EXTRADITION AGAINST THIS GENERAL POLICY. ONE POINT ARGUING IN FAVOR OF EXTRADITION IN THIS CASE IS THAT COBB IS ALSO PLEADING INDIGENCE AND, THEREFORE, INABILITY TO BUY TICKETS FOR DEPARTURE.

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D. SEE C ABOVE.

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E. SLIGHT.

F. AN ARGUMENT IN COBB'S DEFENSE IS THAT HE HAS RENOUNCED US CITIZENSHIP. LOCAL COURT SIDE-STEPPED THIS ISSUE IN ITS FINDINGS BUT COBB IS CERTAIN TO MAKE THIS AN ISSUE IN ANY EXTRADITION CASE.
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